

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting September 27, 21**

**HELD AT:** Berlin Township Hall, 3271 Cheshire Road, Delaware, OH

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ken O'Brien , Trustee Co-Chairman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ken O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:** Ken O'Brien, Tom D'Amico, Ron Bullard (Absent), Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer, Theresa Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Pichert, Sheila Hiddleson, Meghan Raehll, Chris Paykoff and Rich Nicdum

**RESOLUTION 21-09-20 MOTION TO APPROVE 09/13/2021 MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING**

Motion: D'Amico  
Second: O'Brien  
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

**Old Business-**

**Fire Hydrant Installation Policy-** Pichert gave the trustee's a draft of a policy that he had worked on. O'Brien stated that he would like it to be based on a point system. Pichert asked for assistance with assigning points as he is not sure exactly what O'Brien is looking for. O'Brien is going to look at it with Pichert.

**JEDD-** Nothing new.

**Trails and Recreation Committee-** Raehll stated that there are five people interested in becoming committee members. Bullard is working on getting everyone together for a discussion.

**Zoning Hearing Policy-** O'Brien stated that Ballard wants the trustees and the zoning department to work together on language to establish a time frame for when the BZC turns over an application to the trustees and when it needs to be heard by them.

**Fairview Storage-** This will be discussed at the 10/11/2021 trustee meeting.

**Mowing Contract-** Smith stated that the third-party contractors would like to put in a bid for the mowing contract but is checking to make sure that it would be okay with Pony Landscaping, who received the current bid, as they do not want to step out of line. O'Brien stated that he would follow D'Amico's recommendation. D'Amico will check into it.

**Fiscal Officer Items-** Nothing new.

**\*\*\*\*\*6:15 P.M. TIME CERTAIN\*\*\*\*\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\*\*\*\*\***

Sheila Hiddleson from the Delaware County Board of Health spoke to Covid related matters. Some of which included vaccination rates, the recommendation of wearing masks whether vaccinated or not and how each vaccine carrier is administering the 3<sup>rd</sup> doses of said vaccine. She also talked about how the schools are handling cases if kids are exposed while in school, which is if masks were worn those that were exposed would not have to quarantine and if masks were not worn than quarantining would be required.

**\*\*\*\*\*6:30 P.M. TIME CERTAIN\*\*\*\*\*PRESERVATION PARKS\*\*\*\*\***

Rich Nicdum from Preservation Parks stated that there are currently 1,680 acres of parks in Delaware County. The goal is to have a park within 15 minutes of every resident in Delaware County. Nicdum explained the locations of two new parks that have recently opened, Hickory Woods which is located on Pollock Rd and Sycamore Run which is located at Home Rd and Olentangy River Rd. Nicdum also explained that there is a new park site that will consist of 250 acres and is still in the master planning stage that will be located on Bale Kenyon Road. He stated that they will be purchasing 475 acres, north of Sunbury over the next six years along with 700-800 acres from existing residents that would like to sell their land to them. Nicdum stated that there will be a 4.4 mil land acquisition levy on the

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ballot this November in hopes that the above projects may be finished quicker than without the levy. Raehll expressed concern over the levy being put on the ballot with the primary goal being to finish projects faster.

**Cemetery-** D’Amico stated that there was damage done to the base of the Jesus statue at Fairview Cemetery. He was concerned that no one reported it as it was obviously hit by something. D’Amico stated that Foor said that he would be able to fix it. D’Amico is going to speak with Foor about the cost and get back with the trustees. Smith stated that there is grant money available to help pay for it.

**Fire Department-  
Step Increases-  
RESOLUTION  
21-09-21**

**MOTION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF PICHERT TO REMOVE MALACHI SWANSON FROM PROBATION, AND MOVE HIM FROM STEP 2 FULL-TIME FIRE CAPTAIN TO STEP 3 FULL-TIME FIRE CAPTAIN, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, AT A RATE OF \$20.17/HOUR**

Motion: O’Brien  
Second: D’Amico  
Vote: O’Brien yes and D’Amico yes

**RESOLUTION  
21-09-22**

**MOTION UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF PICHERT TO REMOVE JACOB SHAW FROM STEP 2 FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER TO STEP 3 FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 2021, AT A RATE OF \$17.92/HOUR**

Motion: O’Brien  
Second: D’Amico  
Vote: D’Amico yes and O’Brien yes

**Road Department-** O’Brien explained that the county wants to detour traffic onto township roads because of a railroad closure on Berlin Station Road. He believes that the township does not have authority to deny it but that the county does not have the authority to do it. If it is deemed an emergency that the authority will be given to them. O’Brien spoke about how the road at the railroad crossing on Curve Road is deteriorating and will need to be taken care of soon.

**Trustee Items-** D’Amico stated that the township would be able to access stimulus money from ODOT, which could be used to fix sidewalks and culverts. D’Amico wants to speak to Bullard about it. The deadline is November 19, 2021.

**Zoning Department-** O’Brien stated that Laurie Karr from the Buckeye Swim Club, requested to meet individually with each trustee.

**Public Comment-** There were no public comments.

**Future Meetings-  
10/11/21 Trustee Meeting  
10/25/21 Trustee Meeting  
11/08/21 Trustee Meeting**

**Late Items-** O’Brien stated that he is speaking with the prosecutor about the fire levy language.

**RESOLUTION  
21-09-23**

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22(G)(1) TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION, DEMOTION OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL-TWO TRUSTEES, FISCAL OFFICER, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER AND MEGHAN RAEHLL- 7:25 P.M.**

Motion: D’Amico  
Second: O’Brien  
Vote: D’Amico yes and O’Brien yes

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**Trustee Meeting**

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**RESOLUTION  
21-09-24**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION- 8:04 P.M.**

Motion: O'Brien  
Second: D'Amico  
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

O'Brien "We met in executive session and no decisions were made and no actions were taken".

**RESOLUTION  
21-09-25**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TRUSTEE O'BRIEN UP TO \$5,000,  
TO ALBRECHT, FISCHER, DOWNEY & RIEPENHOFF FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES FOR PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Motion: O'Brien  
Second: D'Amico  
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

**Adjourn-  
RESOLUTION  
21-09-26**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: O'Brien  
Second: D'Amico  
Vote: D'Amico yes and O'Brien yes

Meeting adjourned by Co-Chairman O'Brien at 8:14 p.m.

**ABSENT**

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Ron Bullard, Trustee

ATTEST:

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Ken O'Brien, Trustee

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Theresa Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

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Tom D'Amico, Trustee